FRIENDS OF BEASTS. Review of the Year's Work of the S. P. C. A. in Richmond.

WOOD'S ANNUAL REPORT.

With What Has Been

The annual meeting of the Richmond Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to eports submitted by President Jud. B. ood and Secretary William G. Owens steady and rapid, and of a most healthful nature. Its influence has extended to my parts of the State, but Richmond has reaped the greater portion of its good

paper containing valuable information, and should be read with interest by every ne who feels an interest in the welfare f dumb crectures. Dr. Wood says:
"It must be borne in mind that prosecution for cruelty is not the main feature f the society's work. Our mission has

of the society's work. Our mission has been to protect and educate, not prosecute, and with these ends in view by far the largest number of cases of abuse and maitreatment of animals were disposed of by warning the offenders against a repetition. We suspend disabled animals from work, alleviate the sufferings of others accidentally injured or taken sick in the streets, and humanely dispose of those hurt or diseased beyond recovery. THEIR CONDITION IMPROVED.

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"It has been noticed since our organization that the condition of animals in the city has steadily improved, and a most healthful influence has gone out into the surrounding country in their behalf, and the result is that animals are much more kindly treated, better sheltered and fed than ever in the past. Prior to the organization of our society it was an exception to find a horse covered with a blanket in cold or inclement weather, or to find any one to interpose in his behalf when cruelly treated. Blankets and rubber protectors were comparatively unused. Now you can find them in the stores so well and cheaply made that no man who has regard for his beast is found without them.

"If ideas of humanity and quick recogni-tion of the rights of all God's creatures could come to pervade the minds and hearts of all, then there would be no need hearts of all, then there would be no need of societies such as ours. Unfortunately, such is not the case, for we see in the streets of our city the doleful procession of overworked and underfed animals, bental and reckless drivers, and the evertalling whip. God gave dominion over other creatures with commands to be just, merciful, and kind, and on no other terms, has man any right to their toil or service. Life implies rights. All creatures belong to God, and disregard of their rights is an offence to Him. True Christianity recognizes this fact, and the spirit of crueiorganizes this fact, and the spirit of cruel-y is the deadliest enemy to a high civil-ation. The best and most lasting remedy or all cruelty is humane education. Begin with the children in our homes and ols. Whether a man be heartless or ane largely depends on the lessons of arly childhood.

WORK OF THE SOCIETY. "It should be our aim to distribute imane literature and establish 'Bands bands will be to encourage in every pos-sible way generous and merciful deeds; to protect every suffering human being as well as the speechless ones of the lower orders, the only pledge being. 'I will try to be kind to all harmless crea-tures, and try to protect them from cruel usage.'

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"During the year just closed, the so-clety has been called unon to inverpose its moral and corrective force in a large and earnest factor in elevating man in the protection of dumb creatures. You will see from the secretary's report that the number of cases reported was 737; the number of cases reported was 737; number of animals involved about 1,200. The full particulars in all cases are recorded in the books of the society so that the facts of every case of cruelty, and every legal opinion or judicial decision connected therewith can be found at a moment's notice, which is very valuable in the daily transactions of the

So many small animals have to be So many small animals have to be destroyed annually by the agent that we have adopted and put in place a zine-lined box, recommended to us by Mr. John P. Haines, president of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, with headquarters in New York, for this purpose. The gas from the city main is turned in, and in about one minute the animal is dead without a strungle, noise, or other evidence, but that it was a nainless death. Not infrequently we are called upon to dispose of household pets and wornout, classed, and dangerous animals. Of course, this is done without charge.

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We have only one agent on the street when we could profitably employ two. If the Pelice Board would assign one officer to give his whole time to the prevention of cruelty to children and animals, and the taking up of unlicensed dogs that roam our streets, it would be a good work. The police force have heartily co-operated with us, and during the year have accomplished great good in checking exhibitions of open cruelty. I would suggest that we offer a gold medal to the policeman, who, at the close of the year, should be able to show the best record of having prevented or stopped cruelty to animals—the Chief to decide.

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Owing to the lack of means of escape from burning buildings many horses have been suffocated or burned to death during the past. It is to be hoped that in the future owners of stables will make the exits therefrom ample and easy. Much has been done by us to 'nduce owners to have better ventilation by slatdoors, etc., for the comfort of the'r animals in summer. I would recommend that during the year we have a few lectures for the benefit of drivers. The desirability of such lectures must be evident to every one who has roticed the injury, abuse, and suffering resulting to horses from carelessness and ignorance of their drivers; also lectures from some of our veterinarians on scientific shoeing. The uneven or improper shoeing of horses causes more pain than a galled shoulder or back, besides ruinirg his legs.

THE FUNDS INSUFFICIENT.

"You will see from the treasurer's report that the receipts from membership fees were \$369, and from contributions \$36.30. I consider the above sum of money entirely inadequate to carry on the work. The impartial and successful work of our board has induced the public to regard the society as the main agent for the suppression of cruelty to animals in this city, and I feel co.fident that the public will sustain us when a preper appeal is made to them. It will not do to depend entirely on the membership tees, for if we wish to continue and enlarge our work there must be generous contributions from our citizens. A very large per cent, of the receipts has been contributed by the officers which should not be expected, as their work is done without compensation, and the entire community is reaping the benefit of their labors. The agent alone receives a salary. I hope the Finance Committee will formulate some plan by which the amount needed may be raised.

Our thanks are due to the veterinary THE FUNDS INSUFFICIENT.

surgeons and police, as they have at all times aided us in our work. I take pleasure in commending our agent, Mr. Emmett C. Taylor, who has discharged his duty faithfully; also, the officers of the society and the Executive Board for the faithfulness and ability with which they have performed their respective duties. To the press we extend our warmest thanks for the many favors rendered and the excellent support that they have given us.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Number of cases investigated, 757; whole number of animals involved (about, 1,200; admonitions given, 122; horses unhitched and sent to the stable, SI; dogs destroyed, 124; horses destroyed, SI; cats destroyed, 125; complaints made to owners, 27; horses with galled shoulders and sore backs, 18; horses lame, 27; horses overloaded, 51; no cause for complaint, 50; horses cated for by agent, 72; cows destroyed, S; nails pulled from horses feet, 6; cruelty to bogs, 4; cruelty to horses (heating, overdriving, starving, etc.), 27; drunken men taken from vehicles, 6; cruelty to cows (one had congue cut off), 2.

CONVICTIONS FOR CRUELTY. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

CONVICTIONS FOR CRUELTY. wood and Secretary within 5. Owner with the secretary within 5. Owner with this splanded organization is in fine condition, and has done great good in the community, and the noble band of men and women who compose the society are due unstinted praise for the excellent work they have accomplished. The society is now in the fourth year of its existence, and the growth during this time has been as the control of the con and hind leg hot and swollen, \$5; cruelly whipping herse, \$2.50; driving horse to exhaustion, horse requiring attention of veterinary surgeon seven hours, \$10; over-loading and cruelly whipping horse, \$5; horse overdriven (man drunk, \$2.5); overmules, \$20; working sore-back male, as cruelly kicking mule's eyes out. \$10 and thirty days in fail; working horse with sore back, \$5, driving horse to exhaustion. cruelly working sore-back mule and to condition to work (fined in County

MANY PITIFUL CASES. The secretary in his report gives a brief description of each of the cases which were prosecuted and convicted, and some of them were of the most pitiful nature. In one instance two cows and two calves were found on a farm just below Richmond in a half-starved condition. Upon further investigation it was learned that the cattle belonged to a poor family, consisting of father, mother, and 12-year-old daughter. The father was a drunken, worthless fellow, who did not take care of his wife and child, much less the stock and they were in little better condition than the cows and caives. Traces of blood were found for a mile from the house where the little girl, in a bere-footed condition, was sent to a neighborfooted condition, was sent to a neighboring field to gather cornstalks, being the
only food that cows received. The society
used its influence in behalf of the family
and animals, and Mr. Bickerstaff, a member of the society, took the animals and
cared for them during the winter. Assistance was also given to the family.
In another case an incident occurred
where a man whose cow had been hadly
injured by an electricous phiected to the

animal being killed, though she was in a terrible condition, and the officers had to use force before they could relieve the cow from her sufferings. The man insisted

man who had a steer hitched to the back of a wagon. The animal fell down from exhaustion, and the brutal owner prodded exhaustion, and the brutal owner prodded it with a stick until the blood gushed from its wounds and then dragged it several hundred yards by a rope, which was fastened to its horns. In addition to this the animal was found to have several bad sores upon its body. The owner was arrested, and in the Police Court next day was fined \$25. He sold the steer to a butcher and the meat was placed upon the market. When the officers of the society learned this Dr. Oppethimer, President of the Board of Health, was notified, and he ordered the meat taken off of sale, THE LAMPERS CASE.

One of the hardest fights the society

The secretary's report also shows that during the year the society distributed quite a large amount of printed tratter among which were 400 copies of "Black Beauty" and 200 copies of "Our Animal Friend." The report also shows that the new gas-box for destroying small animals had been put to a very severe test and was found to be everything that the society had hoped for it. The city turned over to the society seventer dogs that the dog-catchers had caught \*rd all of them were put into the box \*t one time. The gas was turned on and the entire number destroyed in one minute, without a struggle or the slightest noise.

OFFICERS ELECTED. The secretary's report also shows that OFFICERS ELECTED.

.After the reading of the reports of the president and the secretary, the annual election of officers was gone into, and the following were elected for the ensuing

following were elected for the ensuing term:

Dr. Jud B. Wood, president; S. H. Hawes, first vice-president; Joseph Bryan, second vice-president; W. Ben, Paimer, third vice-president; J. R. V. Daniel, fourth vice-president; James Lyons, fifth vice-president; William G. Owens, secretary; W. Ben, Paimer, treasurer; A. B. Gulgon, counsel; W. A. Townes, assistant counsel; E. C. Taylor, agent.

The society now has a membership of 242, and its officers are very anxious that the list should be increased to at least 1,000. The annual dues are \$2 for male members and \$1 for femule members.

More Harm to the Rest of the World.

(Manchester Lender.)

A war between the United States and England would, in all probability, be calculated to work more harm to the rest of the world than to our country. The British Islea in themselves, might be well able to stand such a wholesale discrementation of comparison as would cerarrangement of commerce as would cer-tainly result; but, Britain has to consider the interest of her numerous dependent

True American Ring.

(Hanover Herald.)

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## IBSEN'S DOLL'S HOUSE

The First of the Norwegian's Works to Be Presented in Richmond.

CHRISTMAS WEEK ATTRACTIONS.

Romantic Roles and Royle's

Richmond had the opportunity-even if she did not grasp it with a firm handduring the past week of witnessing one of the works of "the great master," sen. His plays have, probably, been more widely-discussed during the last two years than those of any other playwright, and the opinions as to their merits or demerits have been widely diver-Mr. Ibsen's piece, entitled, "The Doll's

type of the group of Ibsen pieces ("The Pillars of Society," "An Enemy of So-"Ghosts," etc.), is neither good for it is found to be slow and tiresome when acted; and it is trivial when read. although momentarily lavored by the Mrs. Leo Hunter class, it was soon dropped out of sight. Since then it has been performed in America (1883-1885), under much the same conditions, and with much the same result. A few statecept the elect; but nobody regards the graffe except to smile at him. The piece is dull on the stage, for want of in-terest and dramatic movement; and it s equally dull in the study, for want of

Mr. Ibsen asks attention to a case of domestic trouble. The scene is a dwelling in Norway. The time is today. The chief persons are Mr. and Mrs. Helmer, who have lived together eight years; who love each other; who have children, and who are in comfortable circomstances. They have a male friend, appropriately called Rank, who is dying with spinal disease; who is in love with Mrs. Helmer, and who calls on her every day, and shows how foolish and pitiable a man can be when he is infatuated with a woman. They have a female friend, named Mrs. Linden, a widow, who drops in from time to time and helps Mrs. Helmer, Mr. Helmer has been appointed manager of a bank. It is Christmas-Eve, and all appears to that Rank has a cough and is ricketty upon his legs. There is, however, a skeleton in the closet. Mrs. Helmer, at an early period in her married life, has secretly betrowed a sum of money for her husband's use, making him believe that she had obtained it from her father; and she has forged her father's name by way of giving security. That debt, thus dishonorably and disgracefully contracted, whe is endeavoring to nay. But letter, and he is astounded and enraged: nd he announces his emotions to Mrs. mollified by the soothing influence of Mrs. Linden, who, having been his sweetheart, and having filted him in early life, has now proposed marriage to him; and he sends Mrs. Helmer's forgery to Mr. Helmer, and declared the matter settled. Mr. Helmer is delighted; but Mrs. Helmer, much displeased with her husband's conduct, declares that her eyes are at length opened to his essentially commonplace character, and that she cannot live with him any longer; and she terminates the proceedings by walking out of the house at midnight, and closing the street-door after her with a bang. That is the play; and anybody who can keep a straight face while looking at it must be largely deficient in the sense of humor.

Mr. Ibsen's composition is not dramatic.

Mr. Ibsen's composition is not dramatic, but didactic. The piece is not a play, it is an essay. Mr. Ibsen appears to be a regulator. He wants to have everything "set to rights." In this case he has un-"set to rights." In this case he has undertaken to regulate the matrimonial relation. The matried women, he assumes, are dolls—meaning playthings. The married men are a combination of the Turk and the pris. Wives are not allowed fo possess identity. Husbands absorb the personality of their wives, and the female sex is subjugated and extinguished. That is a dreadful state of things, equally for the men and the women, and Mr. Ibsen will not endure it. One blow shall be struck for feminine freedom, and Mr. Ibsen feels that he is the man to strike it. Women must no longer be brought Ibsen feels that he is the man to strike it. Women must no longer be brought up as doils or treated as playthings. The woman who is reared as a doll will necessarily behave as such; that is to say, she will be, steal, and forge because she knows no better. That is the way with dolls. They are dreadfully afraid of being found out when they have done wrong; but, at the same time, they never know the difference between wrong and right. Besides, they inherit things from their diseased ancesters, and no doll who has inherited anything from a sick progenitor is responsible for her conduct. No doil is responsible for ner conduct. No doll whose grandfather ever ate a pickle could help failing into one Judgment on dolls should be exceedingly lenient, as long as their husbands are Turks and prigs. The their husbanes are large and prigs. Increasing heed of the hour is perfect equality in the marriage state. Marriage is impossible and wrong unless the wife equality with the husband, is acquainted with the Ten Commandments; and no woman the Ten Commandments; and no woman can be considered a human being whose independent personality does not at least tower to the height of the Revised Statutes. Mr. Ibsen is firmly persuaded of those truths, and he has written "The Doll's House" in order to establish them. "The heathen philosopher," says Touchstone, "when he had a desire to eat a grape, would open his lips when he put it into his mouth; meaning thereby that grapes were made to eat and lips to open."

Society will probably proceed as usual. The number of women outside of Mr. Ibsen's Norway who are capable of forging the signature of a dying father without being aware that they are doing wrong, is, presumably, small; nor is it likely that, beyond the limit of that eccentric writer's fancy, any considerable number of busbands and wives are able to live together for years without in the least comprehending each other's character. The common-piace element in literature, as long as it stands forth in its true colors, can be endured, but when it vaunts itself, or is thrust upon thoughtful attention as genius, originality, and power, it becomes intolerable. Mr. Ibsen, as a writer of a number of insipid, and sometimes tainted compositions, purport-

ing to be plays, could be borne, although, even in that aspect, he is an offence to taste and a burden upon patience. But Ibsen obtruded as a sound leader of thought, or an artist in drama, is a grotesque absurdity. Not since the haleyon days of Tupper, when the reading world was gravely apprised that "a babe in the house is a well-spring of pleasure," and was expected to be thrilled by that announcement, has such a torrent of common-place been poured into print as may be found in the writings of that Norwegian theorist; and not since Tupper's noon of notoriety as the prophet of milk and water have the disciples of any literary exotic ventured to vaunt him as a poet and a philosopher, with nothing to sustain the pretension except a mass of crochets and platitudes.

At the Mozart Academy, beginning Monday evening, Robert Mantell will present a varied line of attractive work. No little interest is manifested in his latest success, "The Husband," which was originally produced in this city, and which has proved a great success wherever given. It will be presented Monday, "Monbars' will be given on Tuesday night, and matinee Christmas-Day, and "The Corsican Brothers" Christmas night. A magnidacent company surrounds Mr. Mantell, and he brings to this city all the scenery, costumes, and accessories for each play.

It is not every actor, no matter what his particular "line" may be, that can hold the close attention of an audience, including in many cases the same persons, for three nights in succession in three distinct and dissimilar impersonations. It is true that broadly speaking House," which is a good representative

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three distinct and dissimilar impersona-tions. It is true that broadly speaking "The Corsican Brothers," "Monbars," and "The Husband" may all properly be in-cluded in the "romantic school" of plays. But it is equally true that Mantell's Louis in the first named is as distinct from his Robert in the second as his Hen-ri Lefevre in the third is unlike his Fa-bian in either.

"Friends," a comedy-drama, by Mr. E. M. Royle, will be presented at the Academy on Priday and Saturday, for the first time in this city. The piece will be interpreted by the same excellent company that has appeared in it during the price of the same excellent company that has appeared in it during

pany that has appeared in it during the past two seasons.

"Friends" is the work of a thinker; it is a play of intense human interest. It has plot, situation humor, briskness of dialogue, and considerable strength of character-drawing.

The play is full of bright sentences, funny situations, and, at the same time, is vigorous and strong.

A hiss is the cause of the magnificent Olympia Theatre, Music Hall, and Concert Hall—all in one building—under Oscar Hammerstein's management, in New York. A year ago Hammerstein, then with Koster & Bial's Music Hall, New York, hissed De Dio, a Parisian vaudevillist, appearing there. That caused discord in the firm, and Hammerstein withdrew his interest in the hall, and registered an oath to have a similar place of amusement, all his own. Olympia is registered an oath to have a similar place of amusement, all his own. Olympia is the most extensive and expensive place of amusement in the United States. The theatre, where R. A. Barnet's "Excelsior, Jr.," is the attraction; the music hall and the concert hall drew crowds of people through the initial week.

Managers Charles E. Evans and W. D. Managers of the Herald Source Theatre.

Mann, of the Herald Square Theatre have entered upon a contract with Messrs Reginald de Koven and Harry B Smith, whereby they secured the firs rights of all operatic products of Messrs.
De Koven & Smith for a term of years.
A new organization, to be known as the
De Koven-Smith Opera Company, will
be formed to produce the pieces. The the next fall season at the Herald Square

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Helena Modjeska, who is making her farewell tour of American cities, says the greatest trouble of the American stage to-day lies in the commercial spirit of governing it. It is this spirit that sends out two, four, or six companies to present the same pieces all over the country, as soon as it has made a hit in some big city. The actors in the extra companies are simply copies and the result is that there is a painful

and the resulting lack of originality. but it may be said in this connection that various other statements made con-cerning the plans of actors and mana-gers have been promptly denied by the persons referred to, but have sooner or later come to pass exactly as predicted. "There is one beautiful thing about Fanny Davenport," says "Bab," she is the kindest and most considerate of acthe kindest and most considerate of ac-treases to stage folk; she is willing to spend her money for them, and she is willing to help them. The people in her company who wish to succeed are en-couraged and assisted by her, and she has never been envious of another actress, or acted meanly to one. She does her work and does it well, loves and is loyal

to her own people, and deserves to be happy."
Richard Mansfield writes: "This is positively my farewell tour, with the ex-ception of special engagements. Next season, outside of New York, where I shall appear at the Garrick, which will be under Charles Frohman's management.

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I will play only thirty nights or thereabouts, appearing one or two nights at
Baltimore, Pittsburg, Washington, and
other cities of their size."
Henry Clay Barnabee, W. H. MacDonald, and Frank L. Perley will go abroad
early in June to witness the production
of the new Strauss opera in Vienna. The
Bostonians hold the American rights for
this work, and will give it an early production next season.

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What an ideal Charlotte Corday Julia Arthur would make! This sifted young actress has had in her possession for seme time a play on this historic subject and she may use it for a starring tour.

"Caberet de Neant" is the name of a "Cabaret de Neant" is the name of a mysterious libusion to be introduced in a series of darkened chambers by Canary & Lederer in a part of the New York Casino reconstructed for the purpose. The most noteworthy metropolitan production in the month of January will be "Mrs. Ponderbury's Past." in which Stuart Robson will supear at the Garrick Theatre, opening January 5th. Sadle Martinot and Max Fisman bave gone to their lawyers for separation to their lawyers for separation H. C. D.

Due de Chartres's Gift.

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The Prince of Wales and the Duc de Chartres have just exchanged birthday presents, according to their custom of many years past, as their birthdays fall on the same day. The Orieans Prince is the elder by a year, however. The Prince sent the Duc a fine gun, while the Duc's souvenir to the Prince was a gold cigarette case.



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